

## Parent's Code of Ethics & Sideline Demeanor

Your child is participating in a youth sports program in Botetourt County. Participation in sports programs is very valuable to the development of children. Aspects of teamwork, dedication, discipline, physical fitness, self-esteem and fair play all contribute to the overall growth and maturation of young people. We are a community whose goals are to instill these values/qualities in all participants regardless of individual athletic ability or the final score of the game.

**Your role as a spectator has a significant impact upon the success of our program. Therefore, we need you to fully understand and completely accept the standards of behavior which are detailed below.**

**I therefore agree:**

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth and not adults. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I understand that children play sports to have fun, make friends, and to learn new skills; therefore, I will praise effort as well as execution in order to keep sports in the proper perspective \_\_\_\_\_
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or special needs that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing or taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures. \_\_\_\_\_
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect. \_\_\_\_\_
10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard. \_\_\_\_\_
11. I will promote the physical and emotional well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game and will take time to voice my concerns at a later time with the coach. \_\_\_\_\_
13. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sporting events. \_\_\_\_\_

**I fully understand and completely accept the standards of behavior outlined. My initials by each standard and signature below will serve as my public acknowledgment of my unconditional agreement with each standard contained in this document.**

**I realize that if at any time my behavior becomes non-compliant with any of these standards I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- **Verbal and/or written warning by the head coach, official or Parks & Recreation Dept.**
- **One or multiple game suspension.**
- **Indefinite suspension.**

Name of Child/Children	Age Division & Booster Club	Date
Parent's Printed Name	Parent's Signature	